

# Undocumented Students

those who are not official U.S. Citizens have more obstacles to overcome, but they can still go to college! Here are some things you need to be aware of as you consider higher education, but do not have a social security number:

1. There is no law prohibiting admittance to a college or university.
2. Contact your intended higher education facility for specific answers to admission, financial aid, and tuition questions. Many schools will work with you on financial situations, but you will need to ask. Don't be afraid to talk to the Financial Aid department.
3. You will want to understand the state laws as they pertain to you. For example: Utah is one of several states that allow illegal citizens to pay in-state tuition if they meet the following requirements.
  - a. Attend high school in Utah for 3 or more years
  - b. Graduate from a high school in Utah/ or GED in Utah
  - c. Register as an entering student at a college/university (you may need a separate special residency application-check with the school you wish to attend)
  - d. File an affidavit with that institution stating you have filed, or will file an application to be a legal citizen.
4. **Do Not File FAFSA** electronically if you do not have valid citizenship. You may be asked to fill out a paper form at your institution for eligibility purposes, this is not harmful.
5. Because you can not file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) you will want to apply for as many scholarships that you can. Attached is a list from two sources for scholarships that don't have citizenship requirements. You should search for more opportunities.
6. When filling out any applications, if you do not have a social security number, leave the field blank. When you register for the ACT, leave the social security field blank. You will use a number the ACT assigns to track your scores.
7. You do not need to report to your high school that you are an undocumented student. Know your rights.
8. Research opportunities, resources, and programs that will help you be informed and get involved in activities at your school. Many schools have great organizations to help multi-cultural students with school.
9. Ask questions and read all material carefully. Check your school's website for the right contact person and get the answers that you need.

Websites to help you search for more scholarships:

<http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=72>

<http://www.hsfi.org/scholarships>

[http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarship\\_Resource\\_List\\_EN.asp?SnID=328524704](http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarship_Resource_List_EN.asp?SnID=328524704)

[http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/2008\\_Scholarship\\_List.pdf](http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/2008_Scholarship_List.pdf)

<http://www.ca-core.org/scholarships>

<http://www.utahhcc.com/leadership>

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Below is the list of resources for immigration law assistance:

### **Immigration Clinic**

Held every first Thursday of the month from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. First come, first served. Located at 1234 Main Street, 4th Floor, in the media/library room. Spanish interpreters may be available, but not guaranteed. Call 581-5418 for additional information.

### **Catholic Community Services - Holy Cross Ministries**

For family-based petitions - 2750 West 1700 South. Contact Elisa at 801-428-1255.  
For Asylum, deportation and others - 2750 West 1700 South - Contact Luz Mila Zepeda - 801-261-3440, ext 25, 29 and 31.

### **Guadalupe Center Clinic**

Held every Tuesday of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and staffed by an attorney. No appointment necessary. A Spanish speaking interpreter is almost always available. Located at 340 South Goshen Street (1040 West). Call 801-531-6100 for more information.